



Public Service Scholar

GRADUATES '07

CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE



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"The tradition of service as it is displayed through the Public Service Scholars program is a model to be upheld for all universities. I am proud to be graduating as a Public Service Scholar and humbled by the dedication of my fellow peers."

Welcome



These outstanding graduates of the Public Service Scholars program exemplify the spirit of service at Carolina. They have made such a difference in communities throughout North Carolina and far beyond. I have no doubt they will continue their commitment to using their time and talents for the public good long after they leave Chapel Hill. As you read about the program and learn more about the class of 2007 Public Service Scholars, I know you will join me in congratulating them for their impressive accomplishments and thank them for continuing the proud traditions of Carolina.

JAMES MOESER CHANCELLOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL



This publication features the third class of graduating Public Service Scholars, and I think you will agree that they are a remarkable group. They embraced the challenge of fulfilling the requirements of the program, and they, and the communities they served, are better for it. However, I imagine they would be the first to admit that their accomplishments were made possible only with the support of others — from faculty and staff to the dedicated agency and community representatives who provided opportunities, encouragement and mentoring along the way. We hope that all those involved will take pride in what these outstanding graduates have accomplished and join us in sending them off with our appreciation and best wishes.

LYNN W. BLANCHARD DIRECTOR, CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Program Overview

The Public Service Scholars (PSS) program provides a framework for Carolina students who want to strengthen their commitment to service by exploring service opportunities, meeting others who care about similar issues, learning new skills and linking their academic experience to making a difference in their community.

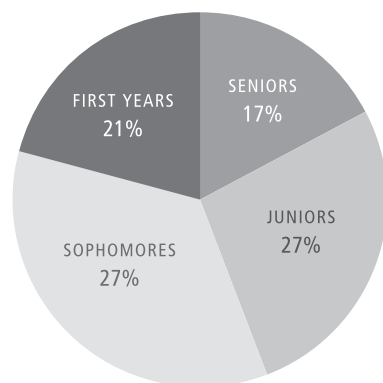
Since its inception in 2003, the Public Service Scholars program has rapidly grown from **78** to more than **1,000** students. In four years, participants have logged more than **165,000** hours of service in communities throughout North Carolina, the nation and the world. But more than numbers, Scholars' personal growth and increased commitment to service attest to the depth of student engagement, and continue Carolina's proud tradition as the nation's first public university.

The program is open to all full-time University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill students with at least four semesters remaining. Program requirements include:

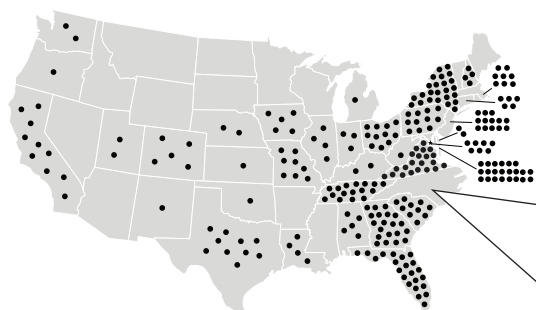
- 300 documented hours of service
- One service-learning class
- Four skills trainings
- A senior service portfolio
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

"The PSS program exposed me to a variety of opportunities to serve. I learned about different ways I could serve my community and also make a career out of public service."

PARTICIPANTS BY CLASS YEAR



HOMETOWN



Each dot represents one student.
17 students are from outside the U.S.

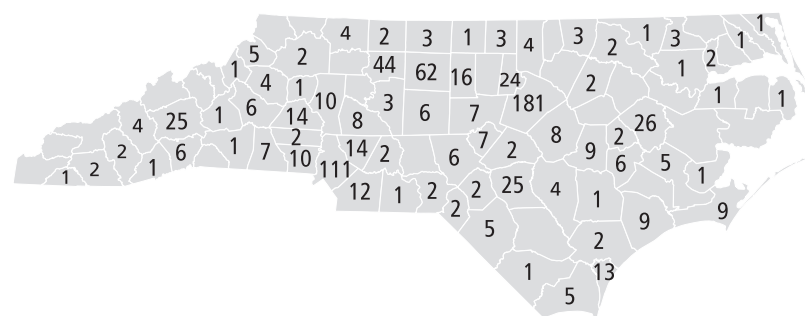
SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

The Public Service Scholars program encourages students to address community needs through multiple dimensions of service (direct service, organizational service and policy).

- **88%** of PSS participants reported engaging in multiple dimensions of service to a moderate or great extent since their enrollment in the program.

The Public Service Scholars program encourages students to commit to social issues that are important to them and to work with agencies on a long-term basis to create and sustain change.

- **80%** of PSS participants reported an increased commitment to addressing particular issues during their time in the PSS program.



Numbers represent total students from each county. 833 students are from N.C.

- **91%** of PSS participants stated that they have an ongoing commitment to the agencies in which they work.
- **66%** of PSS participants have found mentors among the nonprofit agency staff with whom they work.

*percentages come from a spring 2006 evaluation of the Public Service Scholars program

SERVICE-LEARNING COURSES AND SKILLS TRAININGS

Through facilitated student reflection, a service-learning class links the course's academic goals with at least 30 hours of related service in the community.

In addition, the Carolina Center for Public Service believes training in skill areas such as advocacy, fundraising and grant writing, policy, diversity and cultural awareness, ethics, and organizational leadership can result in more effective public service.

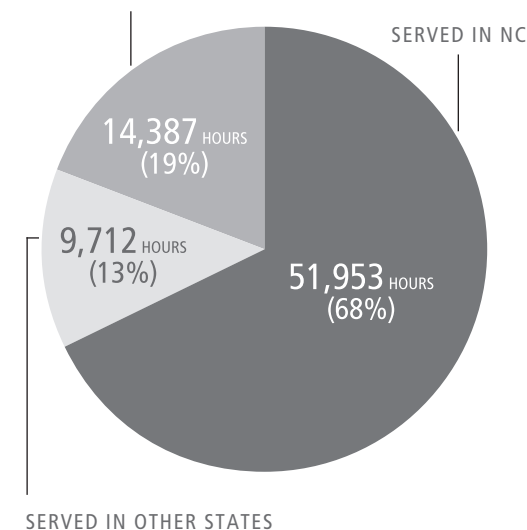
"The classes and trainings give added relevance to the service hours you perform."

MAJOR

Participants represent approximately **75%** of all majors at Carolina.

2006 HOURS OF SERVICE

SERVED INTERNATIONALLY



TOTAL HOURS= 76,052

Legacy of Service

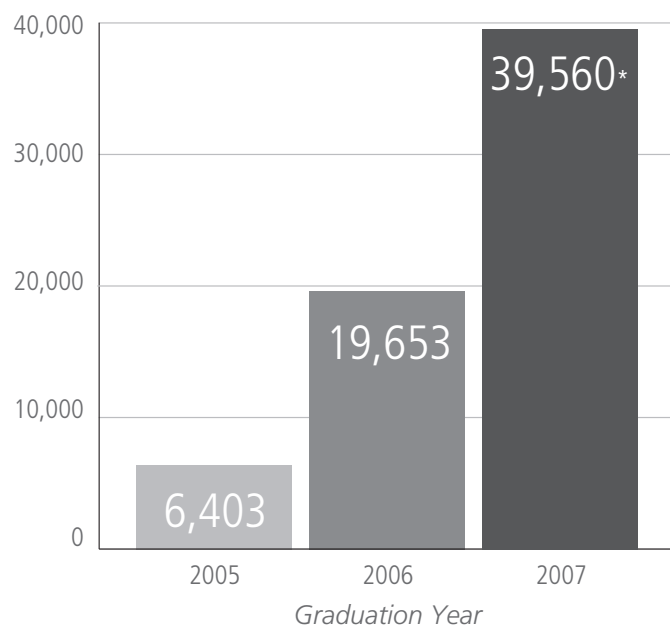


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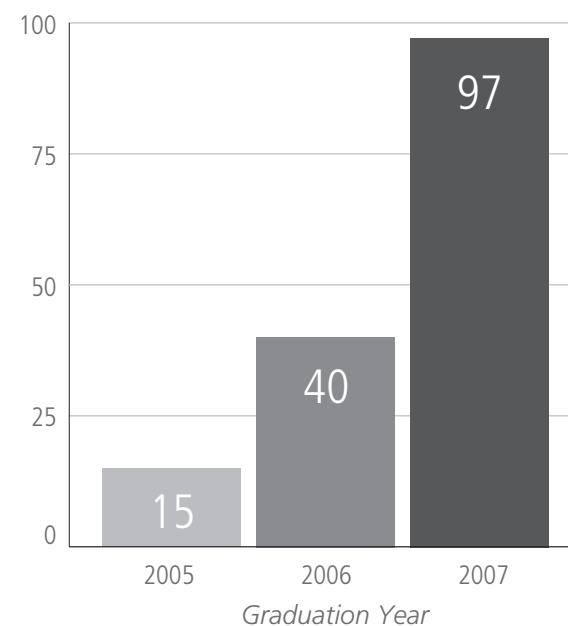


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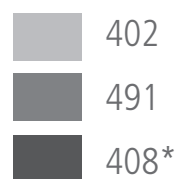
TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE,
PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLAR GRADUATES



NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVICE
SCHOLAR GRADUATES



AVERAGE NUMBER OF SERVICE
HOURS PER GRADUATE



*as of 3/05/07, all hours will be reported by May.

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**HEATHER MICHELLE
ALDERSEY**
BRITISH COLOMBIA, CANADA

DOUBLE MAJOR
International Studies
and French

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
International Issues, Africa

MAIN SERVICE TIES

- United Nations Peacekeeping Mission, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- National Model United Nations
- Adaptive Aquatics

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Child protection in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

"Being a Public Service Scholar really helped me to reflect upon my service experience, as well as to keep track of everything I was doing. The trainings and the course requirement enabled me to expand my way of thinking about service and challenged me to think of ways to improve my personal performance in order to better affect the communities in which I serve."



JESSICA LYNN AMAN
STATESVILLE, NC

MAJOR
Clinical Laboratory Science

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

- MAIN SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - UNC American Red Cross Club
 - Camp Celebrate, Camp Kesem, and Camp Okawehna

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
A career in healthcare

"I have always had a passion for service. As a member of the Public Service Scholars program my volunteering experiences were enhanced. I found that service-learning classes linked my academics with service and allowed me to learn so much more because I was seeing applications in the real world. I like service because I not only get to address important issues or help people in need, but it opens a window for insight into the way others live in the world."



KESSON ANDERSON
PITTSBORO, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
International Studies and Psychology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

- MAIN SERVICE TIES**
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
 - Student Government Public Service and Advocacy Committee
 - K-12 International Outreach Program, UNC Center for Global Initiatives

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with the encouragement and inspiration to not only serve others, but to be passionate about serving others. The insight and the experiences that this program has offered me will guide me in my future endeavors as I continue to work to make a difference."



GABRIELA ANDRADE
NASHVILLE, TN

MAJOR
Sociology

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- MAIN SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - American Red Cross
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has been a vehicle through which I have been able to participate in a plethora of wonderful opportunities. Its different components have successfully prepared me for all types of service work both in the present and in the future."



BENJAMIN BALDNER
STATE COLLEGE, PA

MAJOR
Psychology

DOUBLE MINOR
Business and Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- MAIN SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y
 - INSPIRE

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The PSS program has allowed me to pursue service opportunities in a variety of settings and for numerous groups of people. I have learned the personal satisfaction in volunteer work and the skills training and service-learning classes have enhanced my understanding and the importance of service work."



JENNIFER L. BARRY
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Public Policy

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
International Issues, Africa

- MAIN SERVICE TIES**
- Orphanage Outreach
 - American Red Cross Club
 - Alliance to Defend Health Care

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Internship with Orphanage Outreach in the Dominican Republic, then law school

"I've been active in public service throughout my life and was thrilled to learn upon joining the Carolina community that a place exists that supports, facilitates, and recognizes engagement and activism. Through the Public Service Scholars program, I found a network of same-minded individuals who value passion and idealism and I experienced some of the most meaningful and significant things I've ever done."



**LAUREN HEATHER
BERKOWITZ**
SEATTLE, WA

MAJOR
Peace, War, and Defense

MINOR
Creative Writing

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
 - Team In Training
 - Scholars' Latino Initiative

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Advocacy, special education

"I entered the Public Service Scholars program simply as a tool to quantify and expand my volunteer experiences and meet other students interested in public service. I have gotten so much more out of the program than just a log of my service hours. I've become convinced that engagement in education and learning through public service is the best way to get the most out of my education and my experiences here at Carolina."



KELLY BIANCO
UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NJ

MAJOR
Biology

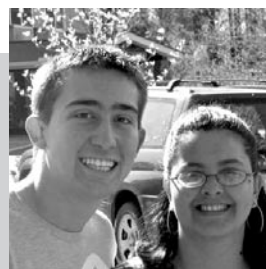
MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Upper Saddle River Volunteer Ambulance Corps
 - UNC Hospitals
 - Alliance of AIDS Services Carolina

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"My participation in the Public Service Scholars program has been a wonderful part of my experience at Carolina. It has allowed me to integrate service with my course work which has enabled me to reflect more deeply on the impact of service in the community. It has also made all of my service more personally meaningful."



TIMOTHY BLECKLEY
FRANKLIN, NC

MAJOR
Biology

DOUBLE MINOR
Dramatic Art and Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- General Alumni Association Student Membership Program
 - Mi Escuelita Spanish Immersion Preschool
 - Relay For Life

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Massage therapy school and medical school

"Through the Public Service Scholars program I have learned how to recognize a need and address that need through education, organization, leadership, and service. The work I have done over the past four years has been a tremendous part of my college experience and has caused great change in my life. My passion for public service continues to grow as I continue to see the needs of the world around me."



MATTHEW BOWLES
GREENSBORO, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication and Political Science

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
 - Greensboro Urban Ministry

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"My volunteer experiences while a student at Carolina have enhanced my understanding of the world in ways that a classroom setting never could. Although I appreciated community service before coming to college, I never fully integrated it with the rest of my life. The Public Service Scholars program provided me with the catalyst for putting into action one of my deepest passions and has prepared me to uphold this commitment throughout my life."



JESSAMYN BOWLING
FUQUAY-VARINA, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Latin American Studies and Women's Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
 - APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Student Action with Farmworkers

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Peace Corps

"The PSS program allowed me to meet dynamic people who were interested in the same things I was. I was able to find out about exciting new opportunities that have enriched my time here at Carolina."



ANGIE I. BRICE
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NC

MAJOR
Public Policy

MINOR
Medical Anthropology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Development and oversight of the APPLES Service-Learning Program

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Durham County Library Project
 - Caribbean Christian Club

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America

"The Public Service Scholars program has been a focal point of my undergraduate career because it has held me accountable by recording and explaining the nature of my service projects. I felt compelled to stay involved with a few key campus and community organizations and effect sustainable change. Coupled with the required APPLES service-learning course and skills trainings, the program has enhanced my intellectual curiosity, challenged my views of social issues, and provided me with the skills to effect lasting change."



LINDSAY CHERYL BRIDGES
STONEVILLE, NC

MAJOR
Biology

DOUBLE MINOR
Chemistry and Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- UNC Hospitals
- Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Volunteering gave me the opportunity to learn something about the diversity that exists in the Chapel Hill community and I have come away from my experiences at Carolina with the desire to continue to give of myself. I will always find new ways to reach out to others and give, because I am addicted to feeling as if I can make a difference, and I hope that I can share my addiction with others."



MEGHAN WHITE BRIDGES
SANFORD, NC

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication

MINOR
Urban Planning and Development

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
- Girl Scouts of the USA
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for a nonprofit in North Carolina

"The PSS program helped me to frame the volunteer work that I was already doing and focus my efforts with the leadership workshops offered throughout my four years at Carolina. Using their database and weekly emails I could find others to help me at the places that I volunteer and find new opportunities to use my talents to help others."



LEAH BROADHURST
GASTONIA, NC

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Afro-American Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- America Reads
- INSPIRE
- Volunteers for Youth, Inc.

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Enrolling in the Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to continue my passion for service in ways that would not have been possible otherwise. As a result of my participation in this program, I plan to work in underserved communities and will always remain true to my passion and commitment to service."



JULIA MEHR BROWN
BALTIMORE, MD

DOUBLE MAJOR
History and Political Science

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Indigent Defense

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Georgetown Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- MANO (Mujeres Avanzando hacia Nuevas Oportunidades)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"The Public Service Scholars program provided me with the opportunity to enact as much change as I could within both the local community as well as the broader context."



MOLLY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL
ASHEVILLE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Latin-American Studies and Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Latinos

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Carrboro Elementary School
- El Pueblo
- El Futuro

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Peace Corps

"I joined the Public Service Scholars program my freshman year. The program really appealed to me and I knew that community service was going to be a major part of my life while I was at Carolina and beyond. The Public Service Scholars program shows how committed Carolina is to the community and that we truly are 'The University of the People.'"



DAMIAN CANNON
RALEIGH, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Spanish and Economics

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Global Routes International Teaching Program
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- INTS 393 (Great Decisions) Teaching Assistant

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America or work for Google

"The Public Service Scholars program has served as a vehicle for organizing and documenting the service in which I have engaged during my four years at Carolina. The program has challenged me to broaden my service skills and experiences and to invest in organizations both on and off campus. Although being a PSS has not often directly impacted my day-to-day life, it has certainly indirectly supported and encouraged my service to Carolina and the community."



NATALIE TEAL CASSELL
WILMINGTON, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Orange County Rescue Squad
- Habitat for Humanity
- Piedmont Wildlife Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Peace Corps, then medical school

"Through the Public Service Scholars program my zeal for public service has grown in the last few semesters and woven its way back into my daily thoughts and my future plans. Public service at Carolina has certainly shaped me and my life. I am forever grateful to this institution and now, I couldn't picture public service as anything but a lifelong pursuit."



ANDREW CHEN
CHAPEL HILL, NC

MAJOR
Biology

DOUBLE MINOR
Medical Anthropology and Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y, Best Buddies Program
- Millennium Village Project

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Not being active in service work in high school, the Public Service Scholars program was extremely helpful in serving as a framework for finding student organizations and service opportunities to get involved with in college. The program has also provided an avenue to bring together diverse groups of people who are passionate in helping others in the community. It has also motivated me to incorporate service into my work following graduation."



ROSHNI KULIAKANDA CHENGAPPA
GOLDSBORO, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Class of 2007 Senior Marshals
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- C.A.R.E. for Carter

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Master of public health program

"As a Public Service Scholar, my passion to help people has greatly increased because I have been exposed to working with different populations. It has been one of the most significant experiences I have had at Carolina and has taught me valuable lessons and skills that I can apply to my future career. I have enjoyed being a part of an organization that is devoted to the community and improving the lives of others."



STEPHANIE LYNN COVILL
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Elementary Education

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness and Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Habitat for Humanity
- UNC Teaching Fellows
- Lutheran Campus Ministries

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America

"Public Service Scholars has been a wonderful program, allowing me to explore service to the community through many different organizations and opportunities. The experience has been nothing but positive, allowing me to expand upon my desire to serve others through opportunities such as skills trainings and service-learning classes."



ANNA REBECCA CRUZ
STATEN ISLAND, NY

DOUBLE MAJOR
Biology and Exercise and Sport Science

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- N.C. Children's Hospital
- Campus Y, Jest for Fun
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Scientific research, then medical school

"Through the Public Service Scholars program, I have been able to engage in public service in many areas of the community and serve many different populations. I have also gotten the opportunity to meet many interesting and like-minded people along the way. Most importantly, it has allowed me to learn about the many facets of public service and realize its effects on the community as well as myself."



THANH-TRUC THUY DOAN
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Clinical Laboratory Science

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- International Service-Learning Program
- Victory Junction Gang Camp
- Trinity Court Family Resource Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has not only provided the network and motivated me to extend my arms of service to the local community but it has also opened my eyes to the issues that are faced by the people living in the local community and the world. My experience with the Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to form more networks of services and encouraged me to believe in doing what is right for the benefit of the less fortunate."



CATAYAH ANGELIA
DUNCAN
DURHAM, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Political Science and
International Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Safe and Affordable
Housing

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Black Student Movement
Triple Alliance Service
Committee
 - Communiversity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"The Public Service Scholars program has afforded me the opportunity to work with various community and international organizations in ways I never thought possible. The program instills in its participants the importance of being of service to all and I feel that I have truly left a mark on the campus and local community through my involvement."



EMILY MILLER EDWARDS
WINSTON-SALEM, NC

MAJOR
Sociology

MINOR
Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Latinos

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro
City Schools
 - Community Care Clinic
 - Rural and Migrant
Ministry

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Career in public service,
master of social work
program

"The Public Service Scholar program has connected me to students with similar interests and has motivated me to do more service than I may have done on my own. I truly appreciate the relationships I have built through the program with community members and other students. I would recommend this program to all students interested in serving their community."



ZACH FERGUSON
ST. PETERSBURG, FL

DOUBLE MAJOR
Peace, War, and Defense
and History

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Selma Elementary School
 - Police Athletic League
 - Caring House of
Durham

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Master in War Studies,
Kings College, London

"Carolina's Public Service Scholars program has provided the ideal format for engaging in service-learning with all the necessary resources and support. As a Public Service Scholar member, I have participated in a wide variety of community service, from working with local elementary school children to human rights campaigning. It has been an integral part of my time at Carolina and a foundation for future public service."



ASHLEY AUNITA
PREBULA FRAZIER
DULUTH, GA

DOUBLE MAJOR
Political Science and
Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Mt. Pisgah United
Methodist Church
 - APPLES Service-
Learning Program
 - Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with the opportunities, tools and skills to serve the Carolina community and beyond. Throughout the program, I have incrementally taken on more challenging service projects and commitments, and serving others has become an integral part of who I am. This program has strengthened my foundation for service that will benefit me for years to come."



EMILY GREER
BOONE, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Aging Population

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- A Helping Hand
 - Orphanage Outreach,
Dominican Republic
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work abroad, then
medical school

"Throughout my years in the Public Service Scholars program, I have become more conscious of my actual impact on society through the semester service logs, learned new strategies for taking my service to a political level through trainings, and been able to apply what I learned in service-learning classes to aid the well-being of the community."



ANA HACIC-VLAHOVIC
CHAPEL HILL, NC

MAJOR
Political Science

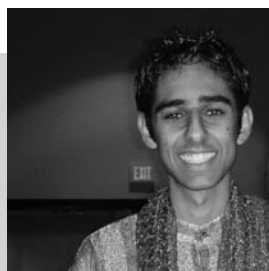
MINOR
Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education, Public Policy,
Latinos, and Women

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Inter-Faith Council for
Social Service
 - The Women's Center
 - Sierra Club

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school or law
school with a focus on
international relations and
human rights

"I don't plan on ending my public service at Carolina. I want to spend the rest of my life helping those that don't have a voice to be heard through international law and human rights."



SAGAR HARWANI
GREENSBORO, NC

MAJOR
Information Science

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
The Arts

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Sangam
- Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital
- SURGE (Students United in Reducing Greenhouse Emissions)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"After completing the Public Service Scholars program, I find it to be not only personally satisfying in serving others, but essential in having a complete and well rounded education."



BRANDON E. HEFFINGER
ICARD, NC

MAJOR
Political Science

MINOR
History

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Poverty and Literacy

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- First Baptist Church of Hildebran
- North Carolina Baptist Men
- English as a Second Language

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Complete training for U.S. Army, then law school

"Being involved in the Public Service Scholars program has been my most meaningful and memorable experience at Carolina. The program has fostered an understanding of the endless need for public service, provided countless opportunities to get involved, and challenged Carolina students to be servants of humanity."



EMMA HODSON
GREENVILLE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Health Policy and Administration and Public Policy

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Women

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Women's Center
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Campus Y, Nourish International

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Healthcare consulting

"The Public Service Scholars program has been a humbling experience. Today, I understand how trivial my own struggles in life are compared to the struggles of the people whom I have served, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have helped lessen their burdens. The Public Service Scholars program has enabled me to become a good citizen and an effective and empathetic leader."



RACHEL E. HOLSTON
PHOENIX, AZ

MAJOR
Biology

DOUBLE MINOR
Spanish and Chemistry

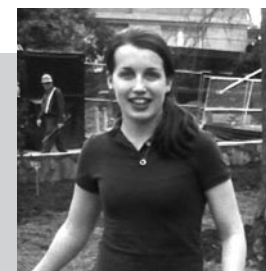
SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities / Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y, Best Buddies Program
- South Orange Rescue Squad
- Health Professions Peer Advising

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Physician assistant school

"The Public Service Scholars program gave me the extra motivation to continue doing community service throughout my years at Carolina. Continuing with this kind of work was a high priority when I entered as a freshman, and the PSS program gave me the support and reinforcement to do this."



CAROLINE C. HOPKE
MERRICK, NY

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Spanish

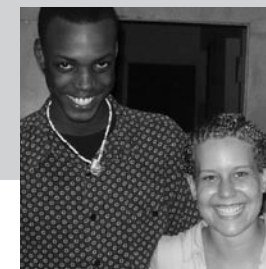
SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y, Big Buddy Program
- UNC Hospitals
- UNC-CH Project OpenHand

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pharmacy school

"My involvement in the surrounding community has provided me the most wonderful and comforting experiences that have made me appreciate the decision I made four years ago to attend Carolina. Public service has shaped all aspects of my life at the University; friendships, personal growth, academic learning, and cultural experiences. I feel privileged to enter the world after graduation with a strong foundation in public service."



AMELIA HUMMEL
FAYETTEVILLE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Psychology and Sociology

MINOR

Afro-American Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y, Catalyst Conference
- Bronx PrYde
- Youth Development Programme, Jamaica

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to network with other students who share a passion for serving others. It has given me the opportunity to receive recognition for my volunteerism. Overall, the program has motivated me to continue using my talents to assist others."



MARY L. IRVINE
CRAMERTON, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Sociology and Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
 - Safe Passage
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
AmeriCorps

"The tradition of service as it is displayed through the Public Service Scholars program at Carolina is a model to be upheld for all universities. With PSS, I have grown, learned, and developed in my commitment to service while giving back to the community. I am proud to be graduating as a Public Service Scholar and also humbled by the dedication of my fellow peers."



JANEL JACK
BROOKLYN, NY

MAJOR
Education, Child Development and Family Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Youth Life Center
 - APPLES Service-Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach elementary school

"I have learned that there are no limits to service and that every project expands not only your knowledge but your heart, because you fall in love with many of the people you meet. There is no price to place on these valuable experiences of service. They have made my college experience more challenging and exciting."



RUCHI JAIN
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- World Camp for Kids
 - APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program allowed me to explore my potential, give back to others and pursue issues I am passionate about. The program increased my knowledge about current problems in society and enlightened me on ways I can become involved. It also introduced me to other students who are as committed as I am to service."



ELENA JIMÉNEZ-GUTIÉRREZ
SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

MAJOR
Clinical Laboratory Science

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Carolina Cancer Focus
 - Campus Y, Nourish International

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work as clinical laboratory scientist, then medical school

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program was wonderful. With all of its volunteer opportunities, the program kept me sane and happy, while compelling me to redefine the word 'service' in terms of change and not charity. I recommend this program to anybody and everybody!"



JAMES ROBERT JOLLEY
LAWDALE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
History and Political Science

MINOR
Entrepreneurship

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- SPROUT (Student Poverty Reduction Outreach)
 - Appalachia Service Project
 - Inter-faith Council for Social Service, Community Kitchen

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Master of education program

"At the surface, Public Service Scholars are servants who engage the community in order to meet the needs of the community. However, to bring about real change, they must also scholarly engage the issues they encounter. Through this program, I met great people, encountered new problems, and have a new mandate to continue this engaged service as I enter the real world."



MARY OLIVE JONES
TAMPA, FL

MAJOR
Environmental Health

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health and Housing

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - Hope Initiatives, Namibia
 - Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Bike across the United States with Bike and Build to raise awareness about affordable housing, then AmeriCorps

"The Public Service Scholars program has been a great way for me to think about the volunteer work that I have done in an intentional way. I really appreciate the program because it forces each of its members to think critically about the service work that they have performed and to address the needs outside of the university community."



SARAH LAYTON JONES
RICHMOND, VA

DOUBLE MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication and Environmental Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- World Camp for Kids
- UNC Hospitals
- Rape Crisis Center and House on the Hill, South Africa

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Volunteer in hospitals in India and Nepal, then a master of public health program or medical school

"My commitment to service began long before I reached Carolina's campus and will continue long after. Helping other people has always been important to me, and it was through my service experiences in college that this translated into my intentions to become a doctor. The opportunities I have had, the bonds I have made, and the places I've come to call home through my service opportunities, have given me a new life direction and a more committed passion for doing for others."



MEGAN PATRICIA JORDAN
BURLINGTON, NC

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Creative Writing

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Latinos

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- School Reading Partners
- Habitat for Humanity
- Relay For Life

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"I entered the Public Service Scholars program simply as a tool to quantify and expand my volunteer experiences and meet other students interested in public service. But I have gotten so much more out of the program than just a log of my service hours — I've become convinced that engagement in education and learning through public service is the best way to get the most out of my education and my experiences here at Carolina."



SARA JOSEPH
LEXINGTON, MA

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Feminist Women's Health Center
- SOTENI Kenya
- Planned Parenthood

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Bike across the United States to benefit Habitat for Humanity

"Guided by the Public Service Scholars program, community service has been a major aspect of my college experience. In turn, the lessons I have learned through volunteering both locally and internationally have informed my academic and intellectual endeavors. The Public Service Scholars program has encouraged me to always consider the ways in which I could make a positive impact on my community."



JESSICA LYNNE JUNGBLUT
WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
- Durham Nativity School
- Pharmaciens Humanitaires Internationales

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel throughout Central and South America to study Spanish and volunteer

"Public service has become something that empowers me to apply my knowledge in promoting universal social justice. As long as inequality creates injustice, there will be work for me to do. Equipped with my learning experiences at Carolina, and the service that has complemented and enriched them, I look to the future with hope that my efforts, and those of countless others devoted to public service, will enable more people to realize the importance of a healthy society."



BEN KAPLAN-SINGER
ROCKVILLE, MD

MAJOR
Political Science

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Civil Rights and Race Relations

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Campus Y, CJAA (Criminal Justice Action and Awareness)
- Durham Scholars Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel to the Middle East and South and Central America, then medical school

"What makes PSS a valuable and unique program is that it is an integrative experience. By encouraging service-oriented students to engage in non-traditional service activities such as trainings and service-learning classes, the program helps students connect their service to other methods of learning and self-development, and improves their understanding of themselves, their service and their communities."



ANNE MARIE KINSELLA
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Habitat for Humanity
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
- Frank Porter Graham Elementary School

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Move to Chicago

"Public Service Scholars has provided me with the opportunity to work in my community and be inspired by the classes taught at UNC-Chapel Hill which incorporate service-learning into their course goals. I was able to grow both as an individual and as a part of this community. Though challenging at times, PSS should be required of all Carolina undergraduates."



LINDSAY KIRKHAM
GASTONIA, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Economics and History

MINOR
German

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Frank Porter Graham Elementary School
 - UNC Hospitals Platelet Donor Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Habitat for Humanity

"During my time in the Public Service Scholars program, I have not only been able to contribute directly to the community through tutoring, donating platelets, and building homes, but I have also gained skills through service-learning classes, trainings, and particularly the service opportunities themselves that will help me to be a more productive volunteer in the future. Had I not decided to become a Public Service Scholar, my college experience and my growth as a person would have been greatly diminished."



WHITNEY KITCHELL
BLOWING ROCK, NC

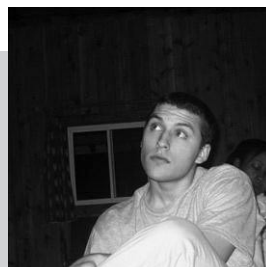
MAJOR
Exercise and Sport Science

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- ActivEdge Fitness and Sports Performance
 - UNC Wellness Center
 - Carnivore Preservation Trust

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Physical therapy school

"The Public Service Scholars program initially got me acquainted with other people involved with service and showed me how to keep active in the community after high school. At first, I did not have a service focus area, but as I became more involved in health related service, I discovered what career direction I wanted to go into after graduating from Carolina. I can thank PSS for guiding me in a specific direction in my service to others."



STEPHEN LASSITER
GREENSBORO, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Political Science and Journalism and Mass Communication

MINOR
Social Entrepreneurship

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Diversity and Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y
 - Carolina United
 - Jewish/Muslim Fall Break Trip

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for a foundation that supports N.C. nonprofits

"While most students don't pursue public service for recognition, it is affirming to know that the Public Service Scholars program gives credit where it's due. In doing so, it helps organize students' public service endeavors and cultivates a culture of service among them."



ANDREA M. LOWE
WINSTON-SALEM, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Business and Public Policy

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Granville Towers
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce
 - Communiversity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
A career in sales and marketing

"Life is a challenge. Events, people, and self-doubt always try to undermine the will and strength of those striving for the things that seem impossible. My goal with my activities was to assist and boost the morale of those with the desire to succeed and implement their ideas. My involvement with local entrepreneurs, elementary school children, campus cultural alliance groups through tutoring, advertising, and events, displays my desire to show others that people do support their endeavors and want to see them succeed. My community, church, and family supported my challenging ambitions, and I am now a cheerleader for others to accept their challenges and succeed."



MANI MAHESHWARI
CARY, NC

MAJOR
Biology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Students for Students International
 - Six Forks Rescue Squad

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel, service, then medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to broaden my horizons and to experience a variety of service opportunities through skills trainings, committees within PSS, and the conglomeration of small service projects in PSS's weekly emails. These resources have provided me with a greater view of what types of service and opportunities UNC-Chapel Hill and the surrounding community have to offer. Through these resources, I have gained a greater sense of and meaning of service."



WILLIAM DAVID MAIXNER
CHAPEL HILL, NC

MAJOR
Health Policy and Administration

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Camp Kesem
 - Campus Y, Big Buddy Program
 - NC Prevention Partners

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Master of healthcare administration program

"The Public Service Scholars program is an asset to this community. It provides endless opportunities for students to better themselves as well as the community."



GISELA MARTINEZ
SANFORD, NC

MAJOR
Sociology

MINOR
Latin-American Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Latinos

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Carolina Hispanic Association
- Scholars' Latino Initiative

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Peace Corps

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program is one that has affected my life in many ways. From the choice of organizations I have become involved with, to my course selections, to my future career options, the Public Service Scholars program has opened the doors to a life commitment to public service."



MARGOT REED MIRANDA
WOODSTOCK, NY

DOUBLE MAJOR
Psychology and Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Relay For Life
- SAFE Child

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America

"The Public Service Scholars program has given me the opportunity to stay informed in ways that would have been impossible without this resource."



ERIN K. MIZELLE
HUNTERSVILLE, NC

MAJOR
Business

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

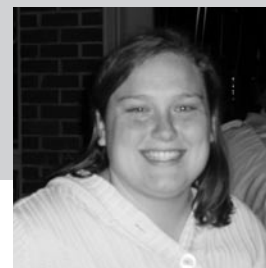
SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication-Handicapped Children)
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Consulting

"The Public Service Scholars program has been an invaluable experience in which I've been able to serve multiple organizations, help to complete many different projects, and meet a diverse group of people throughout the community and state. This experience will shape the way I lead my life in years to come, always with a focus on helping others."



ELIZABETH SHAW MURRAY
CHARLOTTE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Psychology and Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health and Latinos

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- SHAC (Student Health Action Coalition)
- Campus Y, Big Buddy Program
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Physician assistant school

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program has equipped me to better serve my community. Opportunities for training, service-learning and reflection have enabled me to help those in need in a more educated and knowledgeable fashion."



EMILY MYTKOWICZ
DUXBURY, MA

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
Business

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Latinos

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- MANO (Mujeres Avanzando hacia Nuevas Oportunidades)
- Cardinal Cushing School
- Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach English abroad and graduate school

"My experience with PSS has been invaluable, allowing me to tie hands-on experience to a more practical study of public service through classes and seminars. PSS has offered a seemingly infinite supply of resources, including ideas for public service and community engagement, extra manpower when the need arises, and a range of other assets beneficial to scholars."



BRADY NASH
ARLINGTON, VA

DOUBLE MAJOR
Philosophy and English

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Legal Services of Northern Virginia
- Campus Crusade for Christ
- SWAT (Student Worker Alliance for Tutoring)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel and graduate school

"I would have no qualms with my path in life if I was working on improving the education situation as a career. I have certainly benefited from my education at Carolina, and the least I can do is aid in improving the system nationwide."



PAIGE O'HALE
SMITHFIELD, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
History and Southern
Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Public Policy

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Governor Mike Easley's Office
- Capital Breakthrough
- Missions to Haiti

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Master's degree in global communications at the American University of Paris

"I have always been interested in public service. What makes the PSS program special is that it helps students like me connect with others who have similar interests. Working together, we learn how to apply our academic knowledge to communities' needs and put the many talents here at Carolina to work in places far beyond Chapel Hill."



JESSICA OLIVER
RALEIGH, NC

MAJOR
Spanish

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Latinos

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Communities In Schools of Orange County
- Delta Delta Sigma
- Campus Y

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Dental school

"Participating in the Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to pursue public service from a variety of angles. I've had the opportunity to work with adults, youth, and minorities in settings like the local schools, area dental clinics, and UNC Hospitals. These experiences have made me passionate about service, which I know I will continue in the future."



MELANIE R. PACE
CHARLOTTE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Psychology and
Religious Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
At-Risk Populations

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Crisis Assistance Ministry
- Scholars' Latino Initiative
- Students for Mental Health Awareness

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"I came to Carolina with a strong desire to make connections between my education and my community. Luckily for me, my time in PSS has been filled with opportunities to discover what it means to turn idealism into action. I have found myself humbled by the selfless dedication of my peers and the hopeful discovery that, although one person can't save the world, people working together can begin to change it for the better."



POOJA PARMAR
RALEIGH, NC

MAJOR
Biology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Habitat for Humanity
- Project Democracy 2004
- Project SHINE (Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"Service — there isn't a single definition that sums up the word. It is based on the experiences and memories a person creates when they perform service. Throughout my four years at college, my service experience through the Public Service Scholars program has been an integral part to my life. The people I have met, worked with, and helped are all things that are going to stay with me for the rest of my life."



ANERI PATEL
RALEIGH, NC

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
Environmental Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Public Policy

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Congressman David Price's Office
- N.C. Fellows Program
- Orange County Animal Shelter

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in Washington, D.C., for a year, then law school

"To me, service is not an obligation or a requirement, it is something that a person should naturally do. Before college and during, I was naturally drawn towards service projects during my free time, and Public Service Scholars gave me a venue to actually document and reflect on the projects I have worked on. And for that, I am grateful."



MEHUL PATEL
JAMESTOWN, NC

MAJOR
Chemistry

MINOR
Biology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Bairo Pite Clinic, East Timor
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Sangam

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Volunteer in rural Nepal, then medical school

"From the first day I walked around on this campus, it was easy to see the number and variety of opportunities for students to get involved were abundant. After joining the Public Service Scholar program, it gave me a path to follow that has been perhaps the most rewarding for many reasons. It is more than just being recognized as a public servant -- it is molding yourself into a caring leader and a compassionate human being for the future."



LISSA PETTER
ATLANTA, GA

MAJOR
Public Policy

DOUBLE MINOR
Physics, Astronomy

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Teaching and Projects Abroad, India
 - Pi Beta Phi Sorority
 - Undergraduate Student Attorney General's Staff

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Investment banking

"The Public Service Scholars program forced me to explore different ways of learning about and providing service to the community. Through service-learning classes, hands on service, and skills trainings sessions I was able to refine my own philosophy on service and determine the best way I can make an impact."



SARAH PLASTINO
WAYNE, PA

DOUBLE MAJOR
Public Policy and International Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Latinos

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Foundation for Nutrition and Life, Mexico
 - El Centro Hispano
 - Teach for America

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Community health outreach, then a master of public health program

"My experience at Carolina was greatly enriched by my experiences with the Public Service Scholars program. The program provided me with valuable guidance, motivated me to continually incorporate public service into my education, and ultimately supported me in pursuing my passions."



CAROLYN ELISE POCKAT
CHARLOTTE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Exercise and Sport Science and Biology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Chapel Hill Community Center's Adaptive Aquatics Program
 - Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Doctor of physical therapy degree

"This program provided a framework and support network for the service that I already thoroughly enjoyed and in which I was very involved. I was enlightened about local service organizations that I had little knowledge of and became involved with ones I may have overlooked if not for the information that I obtained through PSS. PSS has provided me with the chance to contribute to the local community which has significantly enhanced my experience at Carolina."



SAMAYA QURESHI
SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service, Project Rush Hour
 - Ganga Jamna Hospital, Pakistan
 - SOD (Students for Organ Donation)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"If I could explain my experience in the Public Service Scholars program in one word, I would choose rewarding. My service opportunities have been rewarding in the sense that I have learned so much and have also been able to use that same knowledge and experience in every aspect of my life. The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to broaden my scope of education from not only in the classroom, but to the community as well."



ALICIA RAIA
FREEHOLD, NJ

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Public Policy

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Roosevelt Institution
 - Student Philanthropy Project, CCPS
 - UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America

"The Public Service Scholars program has enabled me to engage in the community and practice skills that will help me to make a difference in the world. PSS illustrates the commitment of students to the state of North Carolina and the world beyond. I am proud to be part of a program that engages students and molds them into future leaders who are guided by their experiences in service."



ARCHANA RAMESH
MORRISVILLE, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Public Relations

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Student Government Public Service and Advocacy Committee
 - Pratham NC

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America

"Being involved in the Public Service Scholars program has enriched my three years at Carolina considerably. It's great to have a program that emphasizes public service and makes it a priority in the lives of college students. It is also great to realize that there is a network of students at this University who are passionate about serving the community and want to make a difference in the lives of the local and international community."



MAGGIE ELIZABETH RECHEL
CINCINNATI, OH

DOUBLE MAJOR
Sociology and
Political Science

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Habitat For Humanity
- Campus Y
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
PhD program in sociology



CATHERINE REED
CHARLOTTE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Mathematics and
Psychology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Habitat For Humanity
- Orphanage Outreach
- Ronald McDonald House

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program brings awareness and recognition to all the great things that Carolina students are doing to serve others. The program also encourages students to go above and beyond by requiring participation in a service-learning class and skills trainings. These trainings provide invaluable information that applies to the service we're doing now and will be doing in the future."



CATARINA VICTORIA RIVERA
BOWIE, MD

MAJOR
Psychology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Unidos Por Durham
- Daewon Foreign Language High School
- Turning the Page

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach, and eventually start my own charter school

"My service experience led me to discover my future career. I fell in love with education in a service-learning class and have never looked back. Further service in the schools has strengthened my resolve to enter this exciting field."



AMANDA ROSE
JACKSONVILLE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Psychology and
Anthropology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication-Handicapped Children)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Campus Crusade for Christ, Hurricane Katrina Relief

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work with adults diagnosed with autism and other developmental disabilities

"Enrolling in the Public Service Scholars program has provided a framework that has given me both direction and motivation to serve the community. My service in the program has changed the way I view the world and has helped me discover the path of my future."



ALISON ROSENBERG
CHARLOTTE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
History and
Religious Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Hunger and Homelessness

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Women's Center
- Rainbow Soccer
- Hidden Child

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach for America

"The Public Service Scholars program not only helped guide my college experience, but also directed me toward a future in public service. Through the various service-learning opportunities, training programs, and hands-on experiences, I have realized my passion for service and desire to continue along such a path."



ANGELA M. ROTCHSTEIN
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

MINORS
Social and Economic Justice

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Aging Population

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Guardian ad Litem
- A Helping Hand
- North Carolina Hillel

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Master of social work program with a concentration in aging

"This program encouraged me to explore new and rewarding depths of public service and social change. By remaining committed to the Public Service Scholars program, I have gained new insight of oppressed and vulnerable communities that I may otherwise have been completely unaware of. The program pushed me to broaden my horizons by taking courses and volunteering in areas I never would have considered beforehand."



AMANDA J. SELLERS
ROCKVILLE, MD

DOUBLE MAJOR

International Studies
and French

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y, Nourish International
- Southeast Asia Interest Association
- Project SHINE (Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has helped me to understand the power of education as a catalyst for social progress. From teaching English to elderly immigrants, to translating lessons plans promoting Malian female empowerment, to advocating for a Burmese refugee school in Thailand, PSS experiences have inspired me to pursue a lifetime of public service through education."



ANDY SHAPIRO
FUQUAY-VARINA, NC

MAJOR

Environmental Health

SERVICE FOCUS AREA

Betterment of rural people's
lives in developing countries

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Population and Community Development Association
- Habitat for Humanity
- Triangle Clean Cities Coalition

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Environmental toxicology

"Being a PSS member gave me the initial momentum to commit my time and energy to help others. I found a synergistic relationship between pursuing my own personal goals and working with communities with whom I have something to offer. Committing your life to helping others fulfills a part of the soul that nothing else can, and it's an addictive and intoxicating experience."



KATIE SHARPE
ROCKVILLE, MD

DOUBLE MAJOR

Biology and Sociology

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Red Cross Hospital, South Africa
- Undergraduate Honor Court
- INSPIRE

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program provided direction to my service. As a pre-med student, I once felt overwhelmed by finding projects that complemented my health interests. However, the PSS program shows that people of all backgrounds can utilize their assets. PSS also enabled me to acquire a macroscopic perspective of the community so that I better appreciated its needs. Furthermore, the program gave me the confidence to assume leadership and organizational positions in my service."



SID SHETH
JACKSONVILLE, NC

MAJOR
Biology

DOUBLE MINOR

Afro-American Studies and
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y, National Organization for College Placement
- South Asian Earthquake Relief
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Empower, empower, empower! We have the means to make a difference in our community and the world if we work hard and persevere. I have learned that no feat is impossible with a collective vision as long as we are resolute in our minds and in our hearts."



AMANDA WOOLLEN
SHINTAY
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Business

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Amigos de las Americas
- Kappa Delta Sorority
- Project OpenHand

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Investment banking

"The Public Service Scholars program has challenged me to look beyond myself and my personal experience at Carolina in order to find ways to positively impact the community around me. It has inspired me to reach out to people different than myself, to find new and creative solutions to problems, and to be fulfilled by serving others."



MELANIE NICOLE SINGER
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR

Anthropology

MINOR

Environmental Studies
and Sciences

SERVICE FOCUS AREA

Violence Intervention and
Prevention

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
- NC Prevention Partners

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Move to Boston

"My experience in the PSS program has helped me strengthen my interest and refine my skills in public service."



ALLISON STALEY
GREENVILLE, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Nutrition and Exercise
and Sport Science

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Domestic Violence
Awareness and Prevention

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Pitt County Family Violence Program
 - Southwest Central Durham Quality of Life Project
 - Durham Crisis Response Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has been more than just giving my time to a worthy cause; the program has allowed me to explore the various aspects of society that hinder as well as promote social change within our world. It is this opportunity that creates a broader perspective for Carolina students in addition to our formal education in the lecture halls."



TAYLOR STEELMAN
WINSTON-SALEM, NC

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
French

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
International Human
Rights Advocacy and
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- SUDAN (Students United for Darfur Awareness Now)
 - APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Great Decisions Outreach

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work with a peace building
NGO in Burundi, Africa

"The service I've done has directed my academic passions and career path."



SUSAN ASHLEY TART
DUNN, NC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Journalism and Mass
Communication and
International Studies

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
International Development

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Sri Lanka Navy, tsunami relief work
 - U.S. Embassy Seoul, Korea
 - Camp Celebrate

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach English in China
for a year, then work as a
foreign correspondent

"While I have always enjoyed volunteering, the Public Service Scholars program has encouraged me to pursue service work in fields that I otherwise would never have explored so in-depth. PSS has given me an awareness of the causes behind certain social issues, and has taught me the skills that are effective in combating those issues when I'm volunteering."



SARAH LINDSAY THOMSON
CHARLOTTE AND CARY, NC

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
Environmental Sciences

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Elliott Woods Tutoring Program
 - Inter-faith Council for Social Service
 - UNC Center for Global Initiatives

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Efficiency consulting, or
work for the Institute of
International Education in
Washington, D.C.

"By participating in the program, I've learned that my abilities are constantly changing, as are the needs of those we serve. Coming from an extremely goal-oriented society in the United States, I've learned that often our 'goal' in service may be to simply exist in solidarity with those we serve. If we go into a situation with pre-conceived notions of the needs of a group or community, we will ultimately fail as effective servant-leaders. Our job is to listen and learn before acting."



ZACH TORRES-FOWLER
SOUTHPORT, NC

MAJOR
Political Science

MINOR
History

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Roosevelt Institution
 - K-12 International Outreach Program, UNC Center for Global Initiatives
 - International Culture Experience

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for a research
organization or nonprofit,
or teach English in Latin
America

"The Public Service Scholars program has given me the opportunity to discover how to affect the problems that face our world every day. By introducing me to the world of public service, I have become a much more aware and conscious member of society. Volunteering everywhere from my local community to foreign countries has been an incredibly rewarding and enabling experience that has changed my life."



KRISTIN UICKER
MATTHEWS, NC

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Spanish

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Frank Porter Graham Elementary School Study Buddies
 - K-12 International Outreach Program, UNC Center for Global Initiatives

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"PSS has helped me take my service experiences to a more sophisticated level where I develop a long-term relationship with the organizations and people that I serve. The trainings have taught me valuable new skills that have been useful in many situations I've already encountered and will surely encounter in the future. By working in the community, I have been able to integrate myself into it, rather than merely remaining a part-time resident."



KATE LEANUI VLACH
WASHINGTON, DC

MAJOR
Women's Studies

MINOR
Political Science

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Women's Advocacy

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa
- FAIR Fund
- ACLU Campaign for Healthy Families, South Dakota

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Public policy fellowship in women's issues

"I learned about resources for engaged scholarship that combined my academic pursuits and interests with community needs in a way that enriched my learning experience and provided me with a platform for change."



DOUGLAS WEISS
NEW YORK, NY

DOUBLE MAJOR
Business and International Studies

MINOR
Biology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- SWEAT (Students Working in the Environment for Active Transformation)
- Iowa Resource for International Service
- Population and Community Development Association

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Strategic management

"The Public Service Scholars program gave me a great framework to do service at UNC-Chapel Hill. With its unique combination of hands-on service, instructional workshops, service-learning, and reflective exercises, PSS has developed a well-rounded service institution for Carolina students. While service has always been a part of my life, the PSS program helped me to bring further meaning to the experiences that I had and develop many of the skills that will allow me to continue to give back for the rest of my life."



E. MARY WILLIAMS
WASHINGTON, DC

DOUBLE MAJOR
Religious Studies and Political Science

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Student U.
- Scholars' Latino Initiative
- Breakthrough Collaborative

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach in a charter school

"Not only does the PSS program celebrate the long University history of public service, but it validates each current student's commitment to public service. I joined the program to better understand my own commitment and to see how it related to other service at UNC-Chapel Hill."



DANIEL ALAN WILLNER
NEW YORK, NY

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- South Orange Rescue Squad
- Rainbow Soccer
- UNC Hospitals

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided an opportunity for me to receive recognition for participating in the activities that I love. It has also kept me informed about continuing education opportunities on topics that are both valuable and salient."



BETHANY A. WOOPER
CHARLESTON, WV

MAJOR
Biology

DOUBLE MINOR
Women's Studies and Chemistry

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Orange County Rape Crisis Center
- Campus Y, Project Literacy
- Camp Kesem

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"I have really appreciated not only being encouraged to engage in various kinds of public service, but also being valued for the service that I do. It is important to reward the many contributions of students that may otherwise go unnoticed. The PSS Program has given me a chance to meet others who do very similar and very different activities and creates a community of people dedicated to improving society."



MIA YANG
CHARLOTTE, NC

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Creative Writing

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Health

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Hospital General de Zapopan
- American Red Cross Club
- MANO (Mujeres Avanzando hacia Nuevas Oportunidades)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"I am extremely grateful to Public Service Scholars program for providing the framework for my service work abroad and locally. The program has also connected me to other Public Service Scholars. Together, we're a community dedicated to public service. I am proud and excited to be a part of a program that fosters service and change."



VICTORIA YANG
RALEIGH, NC

MAJOR
Business

SERVICE FOCUS AREA
Children/Youth

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y, HYPE
- K-12 International Outreach Program, UNC Center for Global Initiatives
- UNC Dance Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in business

"The PSS program has helped me to focus my desire to help in the community by setting high standards and motivating me to seek opportunities with children. I have worked to be a role model to a variety of children of all age groups with different needs from physical to academic. I plan to continue working closely with children and through this program, I know about more ways to get involved."

About the Center

The Carolina Center for Public Service (CCPS) engages and supports the faculty, students, and staff of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in meeting the needs of North Carolina. The Center strengthens the University's public service commitment by promoting scholarship and service that are responsive to the concerns of the state and contribute to the common good.

In all our efforts, CCPS seeks to build partnerships throughout the University and the state. In addition to the Public Service Scholars program, our activities include fellowships and grants for faculty and students, a Public Service Awards program, an online public service database, hosting the Chancellor's annual Tar Heel Bus Tour and a weekly public service listserv.

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